

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 256

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A RESOLUTION to honor and recognize O.C. Pleasant, Jr.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should salute those citizens who, through their extraordinary efforts, have distinguished themselves as community leaders of whom we can all be proud; and

WHEREAS, one such noteworthy individual is O.C. Pleasant, Jr., who has worked with acumen and alacrity as an esteemed agent of O.C. Pleasant Insurance Agency, a representative of Nationwide Insurance Companies; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pleasant has been providing insurance and financial services with the Agency since September of 1981; and

WHEREAS, a native of Montgomery, Alabama, O.C. Pleasant, Jr., was educated in the Catholic schools of the Catholic Diocese of Mobile-Birmingham, Alabama; and

WHEREAS, a man of extensive education, he graduated from Alabama State University in 1962, receiving a Bachelor of Science degree in Secondary Education; in 1968, he graduated from Memphis State University with a Master of Science degree in Mathematics and Curriculum and Instruction, and he continued his graduate studies in Mathematics at Indiana University, the University of Minnesota, and the University of Wisconsin; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pleasant worked assiduously as a mathematics teacher in Memphis City Schools from 1963 until 1970, as Supervisor of Employment and Employee Benefits Services at the Kimberly-Clark Corporation from 1970 until 1978, and as Assistant Professor of Mathematics and Department Head at State Technical Institute in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pleasant utilizes his experience and knowledge to enhance the quality of life for those in his community and church through his various leadership roles; and

WHEREAS, he is currently a communicant of St. John Catholic Church, where he serves as a lay minister and lector, and also serves as Chairman of the African American Catholic Ministry Commission, a member of the Strategic Planning Commission, and a member of the Diocesan Development Board, all within the Catholic Diocese of Memphis; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his position as Chairman of the Shelby County Election Commission, Mr. Pleasant stands as Chairman of the Board of Governors of the Memphis Health Center, Inc., past Chairman and member of the Political Action Committee of the Memphis Branch of the NAACP, and Vice President of the Tennessee Association of County Election Officials; and

WHEREAS, he is a valued and respected member of the Board of Directors of Catholic Charities for the Catholic Diocese of Memphis, a member of the Tennessee Real Estate Appraisers Commission, the City of Memphis Mayor's Task Force on Memphis and Shelby County Consolidation, the Tennessee General Assembly Study Committee on Voter Registration and Absentee Voting Reform, and the Bethel Grove Civic Club; and

WHEREAS, in 1977, O.C. Pleasant, Jr., served as a Delegate to the Tennessee Constitutional Convention from State House District 93; and

WHEREAS, he also holds membership with the Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity and is a past president of the Memphis Alumni Chapter as well as a past regional president of the South Central Region; and

WHEREAS, his peerless professional career aside, Mr. Pleasant is most grateful for the love and companionship he shares with his wife, Barbara King, he is the proud father of two children, Darryl and the late Chandra Pleasant; and

WHEREAS, this General Assembly finds it appropriate to acknowledge and applaud O.C. Pleasant, Jr., for his dedication to the State of Tennessee and its citizens; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and recognize O.C. Pleasant, Jr., for his unflagging commitment to his community, extend to him our gratitude for his meritorious service to this State, and wish him every success in all his future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.